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Claims 4-15, 22-32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended these claims to overcome the Examiner's objections.

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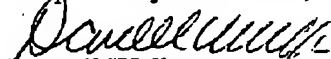
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Applicant's claims. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' present invention in present form is in condition for allowance. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. No other fees are believed to be due. If Applicant is incorrect in this belief, please apply these charges or any credits, to Deposit Account 09-4447 (Reference Number ASU920030420US1).

Applicants are aware that this office action was mailed on January 30, 2007. However, the office letter was never delivered to the Applicant attorney. The office letter was returned to the patent office (see patent office file) without delivery or notification by the post office. Applicants' attorney became aware of this action when the examiner contacted the applicant to verify applicants' address. At the time of the mailing of the office action (January 30, 2007), the address of the action was accurate. Attorney for the applicants have received numerous correspondences from the patent office at that same address well after January 30, 2007. In May, attorney changed mailing addresses, which is reflected in the files for this application. Applicant feels that the failure to respond to the office letter within the original three-month period was due to the post office's failure to delivery the office letter. Once learning of the existence of this office letter attorney has been diligent in preparing a response for this office letter. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed in view of the fact that Applicants' did not receive notice of this action until July 2007. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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